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SUBJ: THREE PRINCIPAL APRIL 1967 COUP INSTIGATORS SENTENCED TO DEATH

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1. ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 23) THE ATHENS COURT OF APPEALS HEARING THE CASE AGAINST THE DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH THE APRIL 1967 COUP RENDERED ITS VERDICT AND IMPOSED ITS SENTENCES. GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS AND HIS TWO CLOSE ASSOCIATES IN THE COUP STYLIANOS PATTAKOS AND NIKOLAOS MAKAREZOS WERE SENTENCED TO DEATH ON CHARGES OF INSURRECTION. THEY WERE ALSO GIVEN LIFE SENTENCES FOR HIGH TREASON.

2. EIGHT OTHERS RECEIVED LIFE SENTENCES FOR HIGH TREASON AND TEN YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR INSURRECTION. THEY WERE: GEORGE ZOITAKIS, GREGORY SPANDIDAKIS, DIMITRIOS IOANNIDES, IOANNIS LADAS, ANTONIOS LEKKAS, MICHAEL ROUFOGALIS, CONSTANTINE PAPADOPOULOS AND MICHAEL BALOPOULOS.

3. TWENTY-YEARS PRISON TERMS WERE IMPOSED ON ODYSSEAS ANGELIS AND NIKOALOS DERTILIS; FIFTEEN-YEAR SENTENCES ON STEFANOS KARAMBERIS AND NIKOLAOS GANTONAS; TWELVE YEARS ON GEORGE CONSTANTOPOULOS; EIGHT YEARS ON EVANGELOS TSAKAS; AND FIVE YEARS ON DIMITRIOS STAMATELOPOULOS.

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4. ALEXANDROS HATZIPETROU AND CONSTANTINE KARYDAS WERE
ACQUITTED BY THE COURT.
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